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DECLARATION

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Sir:

We, Hiroaki ITO, Kazutaka KATAYAMA and Junichiro SUZUKI, all citizens of Japan,
hereby declare and state the following:

- (1). We are the joint inventors of the above-identified U.S. patent application.
- (2). The above-identified U.S. patent application claims priority under 35 USC §119 to Japanese patent application JP2002-254581 filed August 30, 2002.
- (3). We are joint inventors of the invention as disclosed and claimed in Japanese patent application JP2002-254581.
- (4). Japanese patent application JP2002-254581 was filed in Japan by TOKAI

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Declaration

RUBBER INDUSTRIES, INC. as assignee of the inventors.

The undersigned each declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed this 5th day of April, 2006.

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